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Amendm nts to the Claims

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claims 1-30 (canceled)

31. (new) An isolated polynucleotide comprising:

- (a) a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide having cysteine protease activity, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence of at least 80% sequence identity, based on the Clustal V method of alignment, when compared to one of SEQ ID NO:24, or
- (b) a complement of the nucleotide sequence, wherein the complement and the nucleotide sequence consist of the same number of nucleotides and are 100% complementary.
- 32. (new) The polynucleotide of Claim 31, wherein the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide has at least 85% sequence identity, based on the Clustal V method of alignment, when compared to one of SEQ ID NO:24.
- 33. (new) The polynucleotide of Claim 31, wherein the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide has at least 90% sequence identity, based on the Clustal V method of alignment, when compared to one of SEQ ID NO:24.
- The polynucleotide of Claim 31, wherein the amino acid 34. (new) sequence of the polypeptide has at least 95% sequence identity, based on the Clustal V method of alignment, when compared to one of SEQ ID NO:24.
- 35. (new) The polynucleotide of Claim 31, wherein the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide comprises one of SEQ ID NO:24.
- 36. (new) The polynucleotide of Claim 31 wherein the nucleotide sequence comprises one of SEQ ID NO:23.
- 37.A vector comprising the polynucleotide of Claim 31.
- 38. (new) A recombinant DNA construct comprising the polynucleotide of Claim 31 operably linked to at least one regulatory sequence.
- 39. (new) A method for transforming a cell, comprising transforming a cell with the polynucleotide of Claim 31.
 - 40. (new) A cell comprising the recombinant DNA construct of Claim 38.
- 41. (new) A method for producing a plant comprising transforming a plant cell with the polynucleotide of Claim 31 and regenerating a plant from the transformed plant cell.

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42. (new) A plant comprising the recombinant DNA construct of Claim 38.43. (new) A seed comprising the recombinant DNA construct of Claim 38.